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For: METHOD OF GENERATING INCREASED APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

DECISION SUA SPONTE WITHDRAWING HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

This application is held abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office communications mailed on 15 November 2007 and 28 February 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 28 October 2008.

A review of the file record indicates that a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was mailed on 19 September 2008. The Notice of Panel Decision stated the application remains under appeal because there is at least one actual issue for appeal and reset a period for filing an appeal brief to one month from mailing the Notice of Panel Decision with extendible time period under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicant has until 19 March 2009 to file an appeal brief. Thus, the mailing of Notice of Abandonment on 28 October 2008 was in error.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the holding of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The Appeal Brief filed on 21 January 2009 has been processed and entered.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner of record to consider the Appeal Brief.

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